

The City of Portland
City Council
August 7, 2024

City Council was called to order by Mayor, Jeff Westlake at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 7, 2024. Roll was called and present were members Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Ron May, Dave Golden, Ashley Hilfiker, Michele Brewster, and Kent McClung. Also, present was Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips.

Pledge of Allegiance

Request for additional funds to repair the east wall at the Greazy Pickle

On August 1, the BOW approved a quote in the amount of \$59,023 to repair the exterior of the Greazy Pickle. This request was made due to the city demolishing the buildings beside their business; this left the exterior wall exposed. Motion by Golden, seconded by May to approve the additional funds. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Arts Place, Carolyn Carducci – Accept donation from Ron May and discussion of how Arts Place is funded

May made a donation to the Arts Place in leu of missing a council meeting. Carolyn thanked Ron and discussed how the center is funded. She noted that their budget is \$575,000 and approximately 80% of that amount comes from individual donations.

Street Closure Request – 3rd Annual Fall Festival on September 28th

Reda Theurer-Miller requested that East Main Street between Meridian and Harrison be closed from 2:00pm- 8:00pm on Saturday, September 28th. The event will consist on craft vendors, food trucks, fall flowers, baked goods and other items available to purchase. The event will run from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by McClung to approve the street closure request. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Street Closure Request – Class of 1989 Reunion on September 28th

It was requested that East Main Street between Meridian and the alley behind John Jay Center for Learning be closed from 8pm – 11pm on Saturday, September 28th. The closure will host a variety of activities; including music, screen to display class pictures and food trucks. Motion by McClung, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve the street closure request. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Street Closure Request – Kyle Overla on August 17th

It was requested that Hayes Street from East Race to the alley be closed from 11am – 8pm for a child's birthday party. A bounce house will be set up in this area. Motion by May, seconded by McClung to approve the street closure request. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Approval of City Council minutes from July 15th , 2024

Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve the City Council minutes from the July 15th, 2024 meeting as presented. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Claims Docket

Motion by May, seconded by Golden to approve two payroll dockets; July 6 for \$152,380.15 and July 20 for \$159,301.16. General, Water and Sewage claims 111752-112114 totaled \$2,491,408.40. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Resolution 2024-5; Additional Appropriations

Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by Golden to approve the requested additional appropriations. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

<i>Edit - Projects</i>	<i>\$90,000</i>
<i>Edit – Other Contractual</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>
<i>Police – Other Contractual</i>	<i>\$55,000</i>
<i>Pool – Repairs and Maintenance</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Pool – Utilities</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>Council – Promotion</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>Council – Repairs & Maintenance</i>	<i>\$70,000</i>
<i>Council – Elections</i>	<i>\$6,810</i>
<i>Council – Other Contractual</i>	<i>\$135,000</i>

Ordinance 2024-13; Codifications of Ordinances – 1st Reading

Motion by McClung, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve Ordinance 2024-13 on the first reading. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

This ordinance incorporates ordinances passed in 2023 into the City of Portland Code Book of Ordinances.

Ordinance 2024-13; Codification of Ordinances – Suspend Rules and Pass on the Same Night

Motion by McClung, seconded by Goldsworthy to suspend the rules and pass on the same night. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Ordinance 2024-13; Codification of Ordinances – 2nd Reading

Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to approve Ordinance 2024-13 on the second reading. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Ordinance 2024-14; 2025 Salary Ordinance

Mayor Westlake presented a salary ordinance with a 6% wage increase and \$100/ year of service longevity pay (caps at 20 years). After much discussion the following is council's recommendation:

6% increase for regular full-time employees

8% increase for Mayor, Clerk Treasurer, and Superintendents

\$100/ year of service for all full-time employees; excluding Mayor and Clerk Treasurer

No wage increases or longevity for council members

No action was taken on the salary ordinance. A new ordinance will be present at the August 19th meeting.

Council Comments

Matt – Requested an update on the approval of the Homecoming parade on September 27th. Lori noted that a permit has been submitted to INDOT and will check on the status.

Mike – Requested an update on the Blaine Pike project – asked if the drainage issue had been resolved. There were no drainage issues (Blaine Pike residents) after the recent rain event.

Dave – Noted again that he believes that the 4-way stop at Pleasant and Main should go back to a 2-way stop.

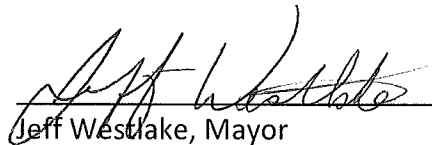
Ashley – 1. Requested an update with establishing a form to request revising stop intersections. 2. Requested an update on the RV's that are being stored/ occupied on the Osterholt business property. Mayor Westlake noted that he will work on both of these issues.

Mayor's Report

●Noted that the renovations at the Early Learning Center (old Judge Haynes school building) is scheduled to be completed on August 29th.

Adjournment Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by May to adjourn at 6:19 pm.

APPROVED:



Jeff Westlake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer